

FORUM ON TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT

Policy Makers Meeting Goals and Objectives

The Idaho Transportation Board has established the Forum on Transportation Investment (FTI) to provide vision and direction for Idaho's transportation future. The following schedule has been developed that will encompass 18 months of serious dialogue that will ultimately lead to a series of recommendations for policy makers in the state. The topic for each meeting has been established as well as the goals/objectives or outcomes expected. These goals/objectives for each of the seven Policy Makers meetings of the Forum on Transportation Investment are as follows:

Meeting # 1 –FTI Organization and Objectives

1. Elect a Forum Vice Chairman.
2. Gain consensus around the broader goals and objectives of the FTI.
3. Begin FTI team building process.

Meeting #2 – Current Financial Tools

1. Achieve FTI understanding of the array of current financial tools available for Idaho.
2. Achieve FTI understanding and acceptance of the inadequacy of the current tools for addressing Idaho's current and future transportation needs.

Meeting #3 – Current and Future Transportation Needs

1. Achieve FTI understanding of the current and future highway needs of non-state entities.
2. Achieve FTI understanding of the current and future highway needs of the state system.
3. Achieve FTI understanding of the current and future needs relating to transit.
4. Achieve agreement on the validity of the planning and analysis that has resulted in the needs as presented.
5. Achieve understanding of the difference between "wants" and "needs."

Meeting #4 – Future Finance Options

1. Achieve FTI understanding of the array of financial tools and revenue sources available for Idaho in addressing its future transportation needs.
2. Achieve acceptance of the need to advance and embrace new tools to supplement the current financial tools available.
3. Achieve understanding that the needs identified and accepted in Meeting #3 require identifying additional financial tools for state and local government.

Meeting #5 – Idaho's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

1. Achieve acceptance of Idaho's LRTP, its underlying assumptions, and the planning processes that resulted in its development.
2. Achieve acceptance that the LRTP can only be realized if new financial tools and revenue sources are adopted by the state.

Meeting #6 – Draft Recommendations

1. Achieve consensus around the draft recommendations as to the transportation needs in Idaho.
2. Achieve consensus around the draft recommendations as to the financial tools and revenue sources necessary to address these needs.
3. Achieve consensus regarding possible promotion, endorsement, and other public advancements of the FTI's recommendations.

Meeting #7 – Final Recommendations

1. Achieve consensus around the final recommendations as to the transportation needs in Idaho.
2. Achieve consensus around the final recommendations as to the financial tools and revenue sources necessary to address these needs.
3. Achieve consensus regarding the promotion, endorsement, and other public advancements of the FTI's recommendations.